

# Sherlock Holmes: Two Plays

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

**1 Which play do these sentences come from? *The Red-Headed League* or *The Three Students*.**

- a 'Tell us about your shop.' .....
- b 'What do the thieves want?' .....
- c 'Why did you leave the key in the door?'  
.....
- d 'He's not very young.' .....
- e 'Are you . . . worried about something?'  
.....
- f 'We must go to your rooms.' .....
- g 'A man can hide behind this curtain.'  
.....
- h 'You need to live in London.' .....
- i 'They can't get out there.' .....
- j 'You do not have a pencil with you.' .....

**20 marks**

**2 *The Red-Headed League*. Who in the play...? *Wilson, Spaulding, Holmes, Watson, Ross, Jones*.**

- a ... works at Scotland Yard? .....
- b ... has a shop? .....
- c ... pays Mr Wilson four pounds a week?  
.....
- d ... works for half-wages? .....
- e ... works in a hospital? .....
- f ... thinks of everything? .....
- g ... has dirty trousers? .....
- h ... pulls Mr Wilson's hair? .....
- i ... does a lot of writing? .....
- j ... hits the ground with a stick? .....

**20 marks**

**3 *The Three Students*. Who in the play ...? *Soames, Bannister, Holmes, Gilchrist, Ras, McLaren*.**

- a ... sees a key in his door? .....
- b ... brings Mr Soames' tea? .....
- c ... uses Gilchrist's pencil? .....
- d ... comes from India? .....
- e ... likes running? .....
- f ... hides begins a curtain? .....
- g ... doesn't want to see anybody? .....
- h ... has tea with a friend? .....
- i ... finds a second piece of mud?
- j ... left the key in the door? .....

**20 marks**

**4 *The Red-Headed League*. Put these sentences in the right order. Number them 1–10.**

- a \_\_\_ The Red-Headed League finishes.
- b \_\_\_ Wilson and Spaulding read the  
advertisement.
- c \_\_\_ Spaulding and Ross come out of the tunnel.
- d \_\_\_ Holmes visits the shop.
- e \_\_\_ Holmes tells the story to Watson.
- f \_\_\_ Spaulding starts to work for Wilson.
- g \_\_\_ The police catch the thieves.
- h \_\_\_ Wilson starts to work for the Red-Headed  
League.
- i \_\_\_ Holmes and his friends hide in the bank.
- j \_\_\_ Wilson comes to see Holmes.

**20 marks**

**5 *The Three Students*. Put these sentences in the right order. Number them 1–10.**

- a \_\_\_ Holmes and Watson visit Ras.
- b \_\_\_ Soames finds a cut on his writing table.
- c \_\_\_ Holmes and Watson visit Gilchrist and ask  
for a pencil.
- d \_\_\_ Holmes tells Gilchrist that he knows he  
copied the paper.
- e \_\_\_ Soames finds the key in the door.
- f \_\_\_ Gilchrist goes to South Africa.
- g \_\_\_ Holmes and Watson try to visit McLaren.
- h \_\_\_ Bannister feels ill and sits down.
- i \_\_\_ Bannister tells the true story.
- j \_\_\_ Holmes and Watson talk to Bannister for  
the first time.

**20 marks**

**Total marks**

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## Setting

Choose the best answer.

- 1 Sherlock Holmes lived at \_\_\_\_\_ Baker Street.  
a ☐ 221B b ☐ 220B c ☐ 221C d ☐ 220A
- 2 Sherlock Holmes was extremely \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ small b ☐ dangerous c ☐ intelligent  
d ☐ strange
- 3 Dr Watson was not as \_\_\_\_\_ as Sherlock Holmes.  
a ☐ dangerous b ☐ quick c ☐ old  
d ☐ honest
- 4 Sherlock Holmes sometimes needed Dr Watson's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ house b ☐ newspaper c ☐ pictures  
d ☐ help
- 5 Mr Wilson's shop had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in it.  
a ☐ clocks and watches b ☐ books and newspapers  
c ☐ tables and chairs d ☐ tea
- 6 Vincent Spaulding was looking at \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ an advertisement b ☐ a clock  
c ☐ a book d ☐ a table
- 7 The Red-Headed League paid four pounds \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ an hour b ☐ a day c ☐ a week  
d ☐ a year
- 8 The exam papers arrived for \_\_\_\_\_ to read at three o'clock.  
a ☐ Sherlock Holmes b ☐ Hilton Soames  
c ☐ Dr Watson d ☐ Bannister
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly began to feel ill when told about the papers.  
a ☐ Bannister b ☐ Sherlock Holmes  
c ☐ Gilchrist d ☐ Dr Watson
- 10 There were small pieces of \_\_\_\_\_ on the table next to the window.  
a ☐ newspaper b ☐ pencil c ☐ key  
d ☐ paper

**20 marks**

## Characters

Choose the best answer.

- 11 Dr Watson was Sherlock Holmes's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ servant b ☐ friend c ☐ brother  
d ☐ bank manager
- 12 Mr Wilson had \_\_\_\_\_ hair.  
a ☐ black b ☐ red c ☐ white d ☐ brown
- 13 Vincent Spaulding was \_\_\_\_\_ assistant.  
a ☐ Dr Watson's b ☐ Sherlock Holmes's  
c ☐ Mr Wilson's d ☐ Mr Jones's

- 14 Mr Jones was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ servant b ☐ bank manager  
c ☐ shopkeeper d ☐ detective
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ was a bank manager.  
a ☐ Mr Merryweather b ☐ Mr Jones  
c ☐ Mr Ross d ☐ Mr Spaulding
- 16 Hilton Soames was a \_\_\_\_\_ at St Luke's College.  
a ☐ student b ☐ servant c ☐ teacher  
d ☐ detective
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_ was a student at St Luke's College.  
a ☐ Hilton Soames b ☐ Dr Watson  
c ☐ Bannister d ☐ Daulat Ras
- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ visited Sherlock Holmes to ask for his help.  
a ☐ Miles McLaren b ☐ Hilton Soames  
c ☐ Bannister d ☐ Gilchrist
- 19 \_\_\_\_\_ was an examiner.  
a ☐ Hilton Soames b ☐ Bannister  
c ☐ Gilchrist d ☐ Dr Watson
- 20 Bannister was \_\_\_\_\_ servant.  
a ☐ Hilton Soames's b ☐ Sherlock Holmes's  
c ☐ Gilchrist's d ☐ Daulat Ras's

**20 marks**

## Dialogue

Who said this?

- 21 'It's Monday today. And it's nearly eleven o'clock! Come on!'  
a ☐ Dr Watson b ☐ Vincent Spaulding  
c ☐ Mr Wilson d ☐ Duncan Ross
- 22 'It's all right. You have that wonderful head of hair. When can you begin work here?'  
a ☐ Duncan Ross b ☐ Hilton Soames  
c ☐ Dr Watson d ☐ Gilchrist
- 23 'It is strange, isn't it? Do you see the day and the month of the newspaper?'  
a ☐ Hilton Soames b ☐ Duncan Ross  
c ☐ Sherlock Holmes d ☐ Vincent Spaulding
- 24 'Why did you ask about the Strand? You know London very well! You wanted to see him.'  
a ☐ Dr Watson b ☐ Sherlock Holmes  
c ☐ Hilton Soames d ☐ Vincent Spaulding
- 25 'We must wait in the dark. Get behind the boxes, everyone.'  
a ☐ Mr Jones b ☐ Sherlock Holmes  
c ☐ Mr Merryweather d ☐ Dr Watson
- 26 'Tell me, did any student visit you in your room after the papers arrived this afternoon?'  
a ☐ Dr Watson b ☐ Gilchrist c ☐ Sherlock Holmes  
d ☐ Hilton Soames

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- 27 'The tea things were in my hands. I thought, 'I can come back for the key.''  
a ☐ Sherlock Holmes b ☐ Hilton Soames  
c ☐ Gilchrist d ☐ Bannister
- 28 'Go away! I'm busy! I can't see anybody. Go away at once!  
a ☐ Daulat Ras b ☐ Gilchrist  
c ☐ Bannister d ☐ Miles McLaren
- 29 'Mr Bannister talked to me. This is the right thing to do. I understand that now.'  
a ☐ Hilton Soames b ☐ Dr Watson  
c ☐ Miles McLaren d ☐ Gilchrist
- 30 'And you, young man, did wrong, but you're going to put things right.'  
a ☐ Bannister b ☐ Sherlock Holmes  
c ☐ Gilchrist d ☐ Dr Watson

**20 marks**

## Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 a person who takes things that do not belong to him or her  
a ☐ servant b ☐ thief c ☐ police  
d ☐ examiner
- 32 a place where people go to study after leaving school  
a ☐ college b ☐ bank c ☐ examination  
d ☐ league
- 33 an underground way from one place to another  
a ☐ strange b ☐ hide c ☐ strong-room  
d ☐ tunnel
- 34 write or draw something to look like another thing  
a ☐ clever b ☐ copy c ☐ draw  
d ☐ sharpen
- 35 not all of something, a small part of it  
a ☐ story b ☐ worried c ☐ hide d ☐ piece
- 36 the money that someone pays you for doing a job  
a ☐ wages b ☐ bank c ☐ gamble away  
d ☐ clever
- 37 a test of what somebody knows  
a ☐ copy b ☐ lock c ☐ examination  
d ☐ honest
- 38 a polite way to speak to a man who is more important than you  
a ☐ sir b ☐ servant c ☐ police d ☐ clever
- 39 to find and get someone after going after them  
a ☐ lock b ☐ hide c ☐ league d ☐ catch
- 40 to get into a place where you cannot be seen  
a ☐ hide b ☐ thief c ☐ strong-room  
d ☐ tunnel

**20 marks**

## Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 Mr Wilson must work from \_\_\_\_ o'clock.  
a ☐ one o'clock to four b ☐ ten o'clock to two  
c ☐ nine o'clock to three d ☐ five o'clock to six
- 42 Vincent Spaulding liked to \_\_\_\_ when he was not working.  
a ☐ take photographs b ☐ read a book  
c ☐ copy from a book d ☐ talk to Sherlock Holmes
- 43 Mr Wilson worked for the Red-Headed League for \_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ eight weeks b ☐ one year c ☐ six months  
d ☐ five days
- 44 Holmes knocked on the door because he wanted to see Spaulding's \_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ newspaper b ☐ trousers c ☐ coat  
d ☐ walking stick
- 45 The thieves wanted the \_\_\_\_ in the boxes.  
a ☐ gold b ☐ papers c ☐ tea d ☐ guns
- 46 Hilton Soames saw \_\_\_\_ key in his door.  
a ☐ Gilchrist's b ☐ Miles McLaren's  
c ☐ Dr Watson's d ☐ Bannister's
- 47 The pieces of pencil had the letters \_\_\_\_ at the end.  
a ☐ MM b ☐ HH c ☐ LL d ☐ NN
- 48 Daulat Ras was worried about \_\_\_\_.  
a ☐ the examination b ☐ the pencil  
c ☐ Holmes's drawing d ☐ Dr Watson
- 49 Sherlock Holmes had three \_\_\_\_ in his hand.  
a ☐ pencils b ☐ pieces of mud  
c ☐ running shoes d ☐ keys
- 50 \_\_\_\_ saw the exam papers from the garden.  
a ☐ Bannister b ☐ Daulat Ras c ☐ Miles McLaren  
d ☐ Gilchrist

**20 marks**

**Total marks**